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All Local Coal Beds Leased by George Purves

Indians Surrender Rights to Coal and Minerals on Six
Sections Near Bassano—Royalty of 10c Per
Ton Guaranteed

After nine months of nerve racking effort, during which innumerable Government officials had to be round to rapid action, and during which friends had to be made of the whole Blackfoot tribe of Indians, Geo. Purves contractor of Bassano backed up in his efforts by several local people succeeded this week in concluding a lease on the whole of rich coal deposits north of the Bow river in the recently surrendered Indian lands, and thus secured a fortune for himself and the parties back of him.

Monday it was simply announced that Geo. Purves had secured the rights to coal, petroleum, natural gas and minerals on Sections 35, 36, 37, 38, 39 and 40, and those fractions of sections adjoining the river, by consent of the Government and the Indians the Indians getting the non-reservation of 10 cents per ton royalty on all coal mined, with a minimum payment of \$1,000 per annum.

Behind this brief announcement

lay a story of considerable interest and excitement, of which said Geo. Purves is the central figure.

For three quarters of a year he has been striving with authority who have not been demonstrably defeated in the case as Purves is the only one on paper, to bring influence to bear on the Government to secure these valuable coal deposits which it is estimated will yield 7,000,000 tons of domestic coal to explain his project to the whole tribe of Indians for upon their consent depended the whole of the undertaking. Simultaneously he was harassed and nervous the keenest pinch by the fact that several influential parties from local and outside points had covetous eyes on the rich coal seams and were striving might and main to get to the Government ahead.

In the first place the sections in question were among those which the Indians surrendered in order that the Government

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COAL LEASE PROTESTED BY CONSERVATIVES

Executive Meeting Held Tuesday To Protest
In Public Interests

REPORTED PETITION FRAMED

Aid Already Invoked To Instruct Government
Against the Lease

Inspired by the motive that one syndicate should not be allowed to hold the exclusive rights to all petroleum and gas and coal in the vicinity a meeting of the executive of the Conservative association was held Tuesday for the purpose of taking up the matter with the Government.

It was officially stated that the meeting was called in the public interest and that the Government should not give a limited number of people the whole right to the rich mines known to exist on the property secured.

Adversely action was taken at once calling the attention of influential people and appealing to the Government to investigate the whole of the circumstances connected with the granting of the lease.

A petition was also circulated to be presented to the Government calling for the reconsideration of the lease, and this will be forwarded promptly when sufficiently signed, it is rumored.

Some about these protests Mr. Purves the main active in securing the lease, declared he did not see that there was any ground for complaint. The lease was secured through perfectly proper means.

He said he recalled the richness of these deposits of coal, and what a great day their development meant to the town of Bassano. The Indians were not to develop them and it was to the interest of the whole community to have them developed. Their bargain with the Indians was very fair to the Indians. They received money for surrendering the land, and yielded them nothing before. He was satisfied he had gone above and beyond the franchise in the proper way. He had first approached the Government, who called a convention of Indians to make the choice and \$1.25 per cent of the Indians had given consent. This was far more than a reasonable majority. The Indians were satisfied. All local requirements had been met and now everything to fulfill the lease had been done. They intended developing right away and keeping pace with the market for the coal of coal. Glen Campbell himself as the representative of the Government had made a special trip to see that the play was according to the Indians.

TEN THOUSAND SHEEP ARRIVE AT BASSANO

Canadian Development Co. Receive Mammoth
Flock Sunday at Crowfoot

LARGEST RANCH IN ALBERTA

Sheep Were Driven By Trail All Way From
Montana

The mammoth flock of ten thousand sheep which the Canadian Development Company are planning on their ranch at Crowfoot passed near Bassano Saturday and arrived at their destination Sunday after accomplishing a journey of two hundred miles from Montana by trail.

It took this flock, probably the largest that has ever been seen in Alberta at one time, about a month to make the trip, but it was accomplished without the loss of a single sheep.

"The trip was an exciting one, replete with incidents. Their advent into Crowfoot caused considerable commotion. A cloud of dust on the far horizon heralded the approach of the gigantic flock whose arrival had been expected for several days. The whole town turned out to watch. Divided into hundreds of bands by the men, they gave the appearance of a huge army. Each battalion had its standards who kept the line in order and in true military array they were taken through the town to the ranch of the Canadian Development company."

The company are taking to sheep ranching on a large scale, venturing a fortune in the undertaking. J. W. Martin and other officials of the Canadian Development company were on the ground to watch the arrival of the sheep. They selected the present flock from the best herds in Montana having several acres of land on the ground for the purpose of holding only the best. The ranch will be the largest sheep ranch in Alberta. This is the second large ranch so completely owned by the Canadian Development company. The other, which has proved a huge success, is the ranch of the Canadian Development company.

INDIAN COAL TRUST IS BUSTED

After three days parties Meyer & E. Whiting has impressed Indians with fact that they cannot hold up hands on the price of coal. Indians have been selling coal at \$5 per ton. In consequence of negotiations this is reduced to a standard rate of \$2 and all Indians must receive orders through town co-operators. G. R. Houshield, dealing local coal, has asked to communicate with Mr. Bond.

Latest Report Places Amount to be Developed at Five Thousand Horse Power—More Than Calgary is Using

SWIFT CURRENT CUT- OFF WILL BE RUNNING IN 15 MONTHS

W. T. Franklyn Swift Current Editor Gives
New Authoritative Information—Big
Future For Bassano

"I have in reliable authority that the Swift Current-Bassano cut-off will be constructed and in operation within 15 months," declared W. T. Franklyn, the owner of the Swift Current Daily Express who was in town this week inspecting outlying subdivisions for the purpose of calling the truth about them in the Winnipeg Free Press and the Minneapolis Journal.

Mr. Franklyn has just completed an extended tour of Alberta and B. C. in the interest of those papers which are anxious to ascertain the truth about a great many far Western real estate propositions. He declined to state what were his opinions of local subdivisions into which he enquired thoroughly but he made it known that he believed Bassano to have extremely bright prospects. "You appear to have the finest mining country here and a big country tributary to you. You will have railroads to four directions soon. I have a good authority that this Swift Current line will be in operation within 15 months. Indeed I am rather surprised that this week has not started already from this end. Then the Bassano must have a great deal to tell town."

Mr. Franklyn went on to tell the Current Wednesday morning.

The school board has decided to appoint a trust officer. In consequence of some complaints showing the necessity for such it was decided to take this step at a meeting held Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. N. G. McGee desire to express their sincere thanks to the many friends in Bassano and vicinity who were so kind to them in their recent bereavement.

Actual work on the installation of the power turbine at the Dam commenced this week, the General Supplies and Equipment Company of Calgary being the contractor, and it is practically established that the machine will be able to develop five thousand horse power more than enough to supply the whole of the city of Calgary.

The machine and switch boards have been on the ground for some time, but the Dam was only ready this week to permit their installation. Work on it is now being rushed and they will be in place ready for testing within two weeks.

It is stated that this turbine is in the nature of an experiment, and whether other turbines capable of developing more horse power will be installed is problematical, being it is decided dependent upon the flow of the Bow in winter.

Interests are already figuring out what effects the development of horse power will have on the prospects of Bassano, and it is conceded that it will mean a great deal in its future development. While five thousand is a limited quantity it is sufficient for a city of considerable size, witness Calgary, which even at the present time of its advanced development is only utilizing four thousand horse power.

Standard Line Only Eight Miles From Town

Quality working on the Standard end of the line the G. R. R. is rapidly laying steel into Bassano on the north-western line which will ultimately connect with Edmonton.

Parties from the north say positively that the steel is only about eight miles away, and that the road should be into Bassano in about two weeks.

The track laying machine is busy, and it is estimated that it can lay in the neighborhood of two miles per day. Allowing for delays therefore the steel should be into Bassano in about two weeks at the latest.

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Yours truly,

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**BASSANO LED IN
TEAM BATTING**

Official batting averages of the Western Canada league for the full season, issued today, show:

That Persons, the Bassano outfielder, leads the league in batting, with an average of .378 into games.

That Sam Vivian leads the Calgary players with an average of .365 in 44 games.

That Raymond, of Bassano, is the leading extra base hitter of the league with 180 bases.

That Planagan, of Calgary, leads in home runs with five to his credit.

That Ducky Holmes, of Red Deer leads in sacrifice hits, having 30 and that O'Brien of the Bronks, is second with 28.

That Daniels of Red Deer, leads the league in stolen bases with 40.

That Daniels of Red Deer, is the best run getter in the league, having scored 99 times.

That Daniels of Red Deer; Raymond of Bassano, and Dudley of Edmonton are tied for the honor of making the most hits, each having 118.

That Bassano leads the league in team batting with the Bronks only one point behind.

That Big Bill Barokamp and Pyle and Andrie, both of the Bronks, are the leading pitchers of the league, and that Sam Myers, also of the Bronks, is fourth.

That Burke of the Eskimos, leads the pitchers in getting.

That Stork of Bassano is the best fielder among the regular backstops.

That John Smith of the Bronks has the best average for 50 games; that John of the Eskimos is the real leader of the third stretch in fielding.

That the leading outfielders are Clyde of Edmonton (left field); Larry Piper, of Calgary, center field; Cox of Bassano, right field.

That Edmonton leads the league in team fielding.

TOWN OF BASSANO ALBERTA**WATERWORKS AND SEWERS**

The Corporation of the Town of Bassano Alberta, invite tenders for the following:

Contract "A"

All labour and certain materials for constructing steel or cast iron supply main and distribution system, comprising about 24,000 feet of 10" to 9" pipe, with specials, valves and hydrants.

Also concrete footings for standpipes.

Contract "B"

All labour and certain materials for constructing the sewer system.

Also the supply and delivery of the following:

20,000 lineal feet 18" to 4" vitrified pipe and junctions. Sewer castings, consisting of manhole and catchbasin covers, and trap valves.

Plans and specifications for Contracts "A" and "B" may be obtained from the John Galt Engineering Co. Ltd., Winnipeg and Calgary, on deposit of cheque for \$25.00 which will be returned in bona fide tenders.

Specifications for the supply of pipes and castings will be sent on application to the Engineers.

Tenders which must be accompanied by an accepted cheque for five per cent of the amount of the tenders should be sent to the undersigned not later than 20 o'clock, on Monday, 30th of September, 1912.

A bond of 20 per cent of the amount of the tender will be required from the Contractors for Contracts "A" and "B".

The Corporation do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender. Bassano, Alberta, August, 30th 1912.

GEO. B. B. DOND,

25-27 Secretary-Treasurer.

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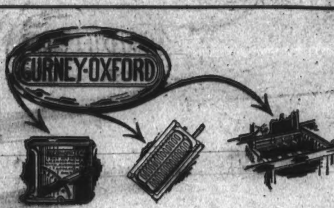
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AROUND TOWN

L. R. Hanson-Purves has moved again to Brooks and Tilly.

Mr. Garret Green, of Medicine Hat, spent Sunday in Bassano.

Mr. Jack Allen of the Gem Theatre made a flying trip to the Hat on Tuesday.

Miss Maclellan Allen has returned to her home in Bassano after an extended holiday to friends in Lennox, Iowa.

G. S. Bowers of Springfield, Ohio, heavy Bassano investor was in town this week looking over his holdings.

F. A. Mathé who came from Ohio recently has moved to Hanna, where he intends entering the meat business.

G. H. Travis, W. A. W. Hannes and E. R. Mair motored to Glenora Friday to take part in the installation of a Masonic chapter.

If you want any tastily designed letter-heads in your business give the Job Department of the Bassano News a trial. They will guarantee complete satisfaction.

Mrs. P. Whelan, of Butte, Montana, who came to Bassano to attend the funeral of Miss Margaret McCreary returned to her home this week.

FOR RENT—Housekeeping flat in the Whiting block, consisting of three rooms and bath. Light, steam heat, water and fully equipped kitchen included.

Mrs. W. A. Brown of Grangeville, Idaho, sister of Miss Margaret McCreary returned to her home accompanied by Nick McCreary Wednesday evening.

J. Brown is now prepared to do all kinds of dry cleaning at short notice. He also repairs ladies' suits. Opposite Robinson's Hardware store.

Don't throw away your old clothes. Take them to Brown, the tailor, and have them made like new. Opposite Robinson's Hardware store.

H. Buckingham, secretary of the school board practically since its inception has resigned, and Coun. H. Berry has been appointed in his place for the balance of the year, a further two months.

E. H. McCaughy heard from John Cannady this week. John is lying-up at the Soap Lake sanatorium in Washington, and his friends will be pleased to hear that he has been freed to recovery.

E. H. McCaughy had an offer from Turner, Sherman's chief-in-chief, at the Calgary rink this week to play during the coming winter on a satisfactory amateur basis. The offer was declined, yet, but if all power negotiations fall through, he is likely to skip up to Calgary for the cold season.

G. A. Anderson, of Davis, Ill., was a Bassano visitor this week. Mr. Anderson owns a fine piece of land in the vicinity of Bassano which he had under crop this year. Mr. Anderson himself amply satisfied with the result of his experiment and intends cropping it on a greater scale in the forthcoming year.

J. H. Paul, P. F. Craig, and M. L. Dodson, of Mount Carroll, Ill., a party of investors were in Bassano this week. Mr. Paul has considerable holdings here, and told the News he had such confidence in Bassano that he expected to invest there before he left. His friends did not doubt his word, and he was well satisfied.

Impressed with the prospects of Bassano at long range, investors who were confirmed by closer acquaintance. Wm. Oldfield of Dutton, Ont., has established himself in the real estate business in Bassano. Mr. Oldfield declares that inquiries about Bassano are numerous in the east, and that inspired to pay a visit to the north-west of town for the last time in Canada, he came here last spring. He was so satisfied that he decided to take up permanent residence, plunging into real estate business in which he sees decided advantages and has taken office in Miller block here. He will move up his family to Bassano later.

AT THE HOTELS

Hunter Hotel—G. F. Allan, High River; M. L. Harris, Bow Island; A. P. Phillips, Medicine Hat; Gilbert Williams, Toronto; W. A. Bell, Medicine Hat; A. F. Trotter, Edmonton; F. A. Walker, Winnipeg; G. S. Bowers, Springfield, Ohio; A. Dow, Glenora; H. G. Sinclair, Roslyn; G. W. Winger, Edmonton; H. F. Desbarnes, Medicine Hat; Jas. Crow, Lethbridge; Allen Elder, Roslyn; Alberta Lumber Co., S. Steele, Edmonton; W. E. Watson, Calgary; E. F. Hadden, Lethbridge; Wm. Harrington, Hinton; D. J. Matheson, Kenora; Ont. City Realty, Hinton; J. J. Kemp, Hinton; G. A. Crowley, Pelly; Pat. Chas. W. Hall, Dorval; M. L. Dodson, J. H. Paul, T. Craig, Mount Carroll, Ill.

ALL LOCAL COAL

BEDS LEASED

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might suit the money for the purpose of teaching him farming. This was paid out spring and all other seasons were purchased. Frank Maclellan of Bassano

owning one of them. All coal and mineral rights however were reserved for the sake of the Indians, the purchasers of the land only buying the farming part, but not being entitled to any coal or minerals which might happen to be on the land.

Purchasers in view of this restriction considered it of little use to attempt to secure mineral concessions. However several months later and Geo. Purves thought the stake was high enough for the game to be worth the candle. Accordingly they got to work.

A start was made in drawing up the plans of the sections for submission to the Government for the purpose of filing on the minerals. Hardly before the final details of these plans were prepared. Purves heard that there were others on the trail of the coal. Without a suitcase, without even waiting to put on a clean collar with the ordinary working clothes he had on him at that time, Purves caught the same afternoon train for Ottawa, purchasing his clothing on the road. He arrived at the capital with just two days to spare and successfully filed his claim.

The Government had to be persuaded quickly to secure their consent to the Indians being approached. For weary weeks and months passed in which counter proposals were crumpled by almost unknown opponents, but at last came the welcome news from Ottawa that they had the authority to call a convention of the Indians and that if the Indians were agreeable the coal rights would pass into the possession of Purves. In the meantime had been interviewing his friends among the Indians and explaining exactly how the proposed lease would affect them, and how in reality they would be much better off. Mr. Purves has been contracted in this country for three years and being interested in the Indian and his ways has become very popular with them. He said he was favored that when Chief Yellow Horse's son died recently, he was welcomed into their tribe as a son of Yellow Horse. This was considered to be a great honor upon him by the Blackfeet.

The interesting ceremony of admission into the tribe took place during Stampede week at Calgary.

Indefinite fact and patience had to be displaced by Purves to prevent the arriving of local prejudice and excitement among the various camps of Indians to spoil his plans. He managed admirably however.

When the final authority came from Ottawa therefore he was prepared. Monday night was selected for the great convention of Indians at the Indian agency at Glenora and the great Glen Campbell, chief of the Indian department at Ottawa since his recent rejection from the House of Commons, made a special trip West to ensure that the Indians received absolute fair play. He passed through Bassano Friday, went through to Calgary, returning to Glenora for the following Monday. There was great excitement among the Indians that day and the voting was accomplished in this manner. After discussing it among themselves the various camps delegated the Loney Chiefs to represent them at the meeting and voice their views. Accordingly the great Chiefs and the Lesser Chiefs over a hundred strong huddled into the Indian Agency, Monday night, and there met Glen Campbell and Geo. Purves. Mr. Purves went over the ground and formally made the proposition to them; that in return for the mineral rights he would give the tribe the sum of ten cents for every ton of coal mined, the minimum amount being 10,000 tons per year. He agreed to pay the first thousand dollars for the first year when consent was given to the lease. Glen Campbell favored the proposal as fair to the Indians and it was put to the vote. When the final count was made it was found that the lease had been accepted by 87.12 percent of the Indians on the reserve. A bare majority is sufficient to accept it and Mr. Purves thereupon considered that his proposal was well carried. According to him, there were a few absent Lesser chiefs representing camps but the number of absent ones was not sufficient to ensure the defeat of the proposition in any case and the agreement is brief but to the point. It indicates that the Indians surrender their rights in perpetuity in the mineral coal, petroleum and natural gas to Geo. Purves for the consideration of 10 cents per ton royalty on every ton of coal mined, and that the minimum royalty per annum be \$1,000.

It was signed by Chief Yellow Horse, of the Blackfeet tribe and by the following Lesser Chiefs: Water Chief, Call Bull, Sitting Eagle, Spring Chief, Wolf, Collar and Hawk. It was also signed by T. V. Goodheart the Indian agent as witness.

Armed with this authority and the formal consent of the Government Mr. Purves declares he is showing a pair of clean heels to his opponents.

"We intend to commence development upon these lands as soon as ever we can, and we at least hope to be able to supply the town of Bassano and the districts during the coming winter. The rate of development will be determined by the demand, but this development should mean a great deal for Bassano. It will mean the employment of many men, and increased business to the town."

Asked as to when prices the coal would be sold at in the mine month, Mr. Purves said it had not yet been determined.

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